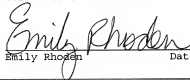


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 8,
2006, the time for reply having been extended for two months by
the Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, it is

respectfully requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the amendments set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.